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Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" In his report, the Collector says that where the bunds are irrigated by percolation, they are charged separately. So, when there is no separate wate-rrate for the field itself, how can there be a separate water-rate for the plantains and trees on the bunds when they were irrigated by percolation ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I have said again that they have charged half the wet assessment."

Panchayat Forests

Forest panchayats in Kurnool district.

* 1267 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, in reference to answer given to question No. 960 on 29th November 1928,—

(*a*) whether he has received the report called for ; and

(*b*) if he has received it, whether he will be pleased to lay it on the table ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The report called for has not been received yet.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member is prepared to expedite the answer to this question, so that I may have it at the next meeting ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" A reminder has been sent ; I shall see a special reminder is sent."

Public Service

Maintenance of registers under the Tottenham Scheme.

* 1268 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Board of Revenue have passed an order on what is called the " Tottenham Scheme " under which no Revenue office need maintain any register showing the receipt or despatch of papers and if so, to what effect ; and

(*b*) whether under the scheme any officer keeping any register like that referred to in (*a*) would be punished ?

A.—(*a*) No such order has been passed.

(*b*) The scheme nowhere prescribes punishment for maintaining registers. Apart from the scheme the maintenance of unauthorized registers to the neglect of prescribed ones might in certain circumstances be a fault meriting punishment.

Reforms

Evidence before the Simon Commission.

* 1269 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of the officers who are appearing before the Simon Commission on behalf of the Government of Madras ;